Nineteenth Annual National Convention

# The American Legion

New York City

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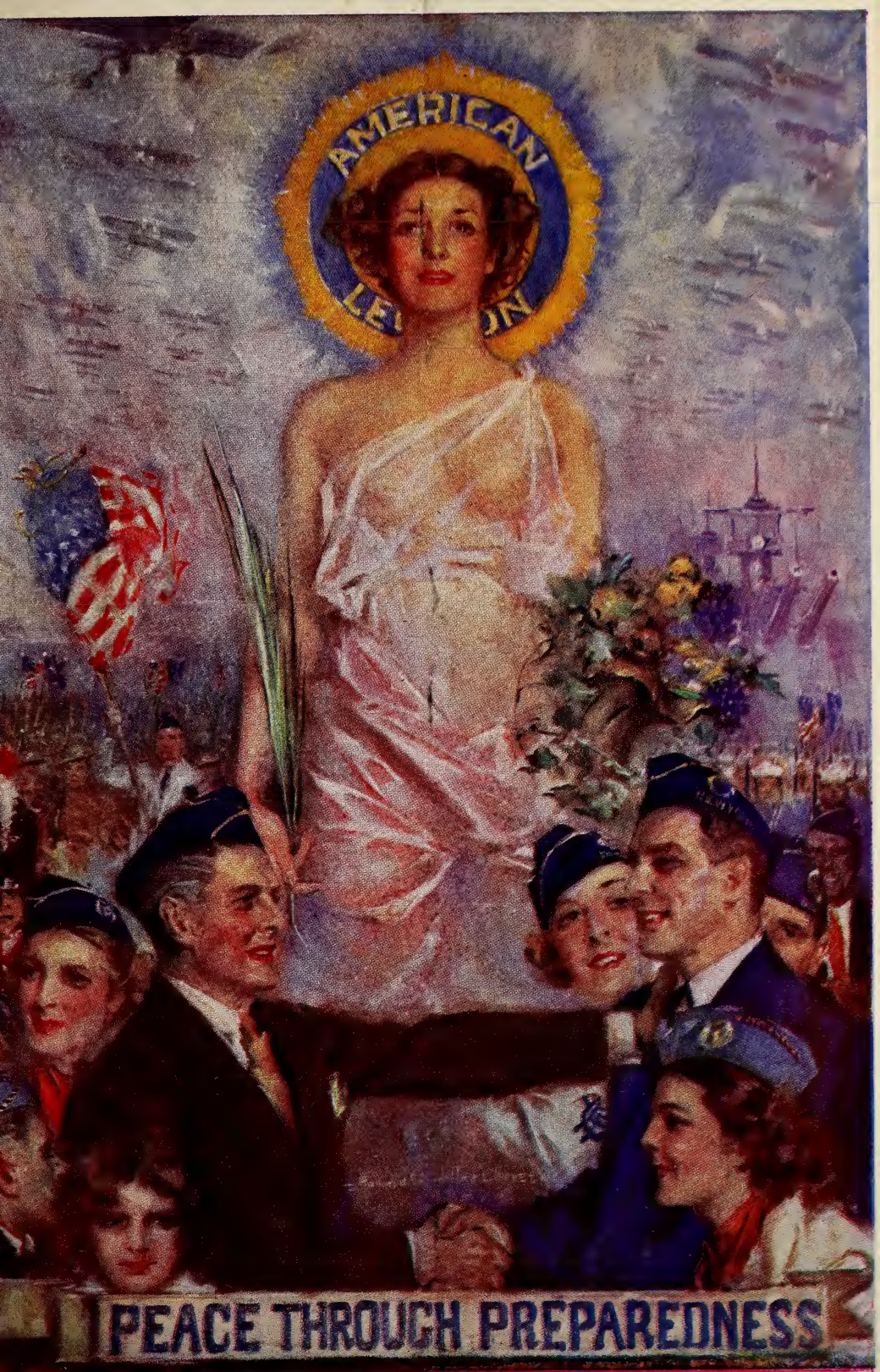
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# NINETEENTH ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION

# THE AMERICAN LEGION

## NEW YORK CITY

*Seventeenth Annual National Convention*

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

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*Eighteenth Annual Promenade Nationale*

LA SOCIETE DES
QUARANTE HOMMES ET HUIT CHEVAUX

*Sixteenth Annual Marche Nationale*

LA BOUTIQUE DES
HUIT CHAPEAUX ET QUARANTE
FEMMES

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**SEPTEMBER, 20, 21, 22, 23**
**1937**

# Preamble to the Constitution ...of the American Legion...

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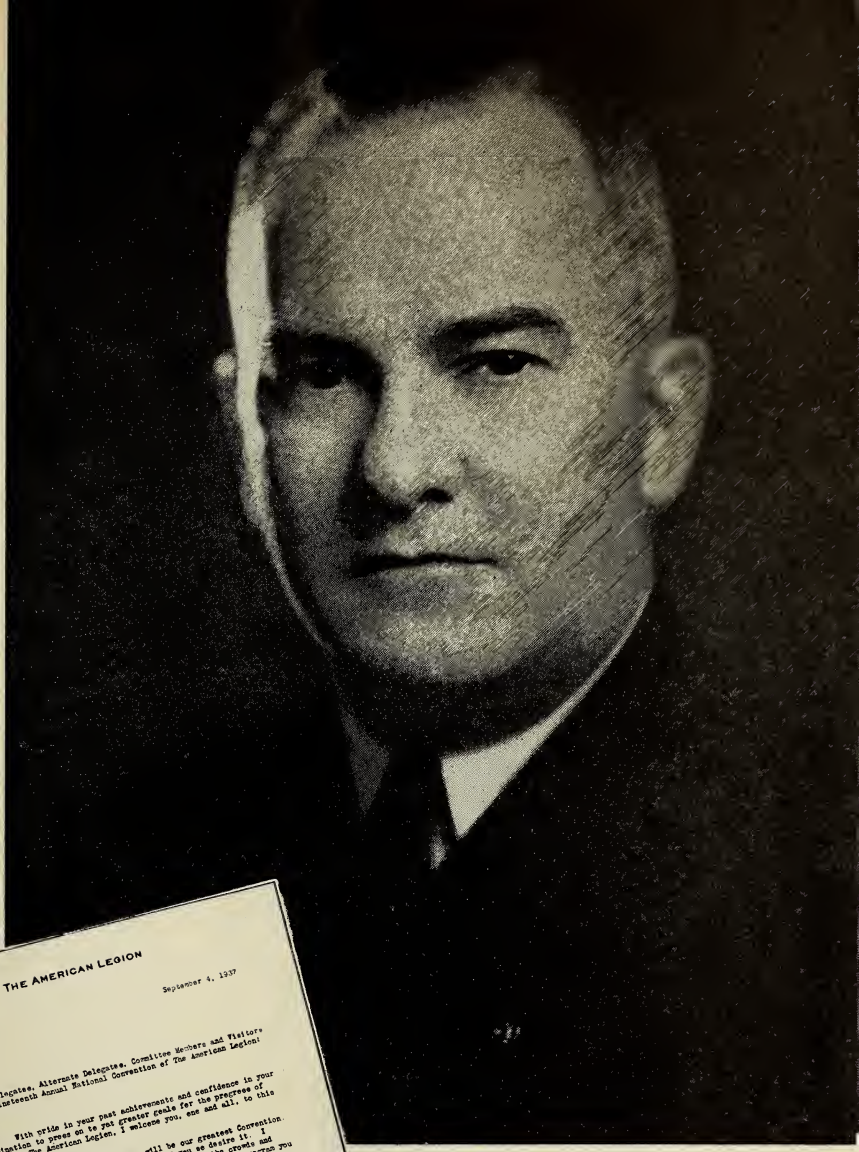
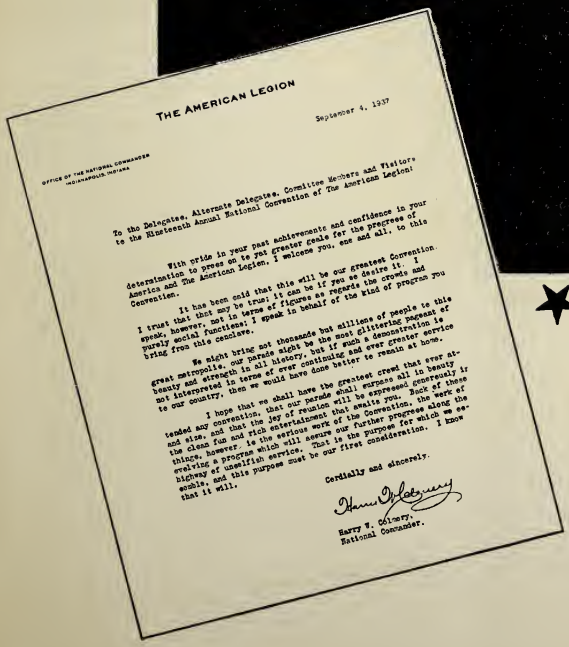
*FOR God and country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes: To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a one hundred per cent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of our association in the Great War; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and good will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.*





THE AMERICAN LEGION

September 4, 1937

OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL COMMANDER
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

To the Delegates, Alternate Delegates, Committee Members and Visitors
to the Nineteenth Annual National Convention of The American Legion!

With pride in your past achievements and confidence in your determination to prove so to yet greater scale for the progress of America and The American Legion, I welcome you, one and all, to this Convention.

It has been said that this will be our greatest Convention. I trust that that may be true; it can be if you so desire it. I speak, however, not in terms of figures as regards the crowds and merely social functions; I speak in behalf of the kind of program you bring from this conclave.

We might bring not thousands but millions of people to this great metropolis, our parade might be the most glittering pageant of beauty and strength in all history, but if such a demonstration is not interpreted in terms of ever continuing and ever greater service to our country, then we would have done better to remain at home.

I hope that we shall have the greatest crowd that ever attended any convention, that our parade shall surpass all in beauty in and size, and that the joy of reunion shall expressed generously in the class fun and rich entertainment that awaits you. Back of these things, however, is the serious work of the Convention. Back of these evolving a program which will assure our further progress along the highway of unselfish service. That is the purpose for which we assemble, and this purpose must be our first consideration. I know that it will.

Cordially and sincerely,

Harry W. Colmery,
National Commander.

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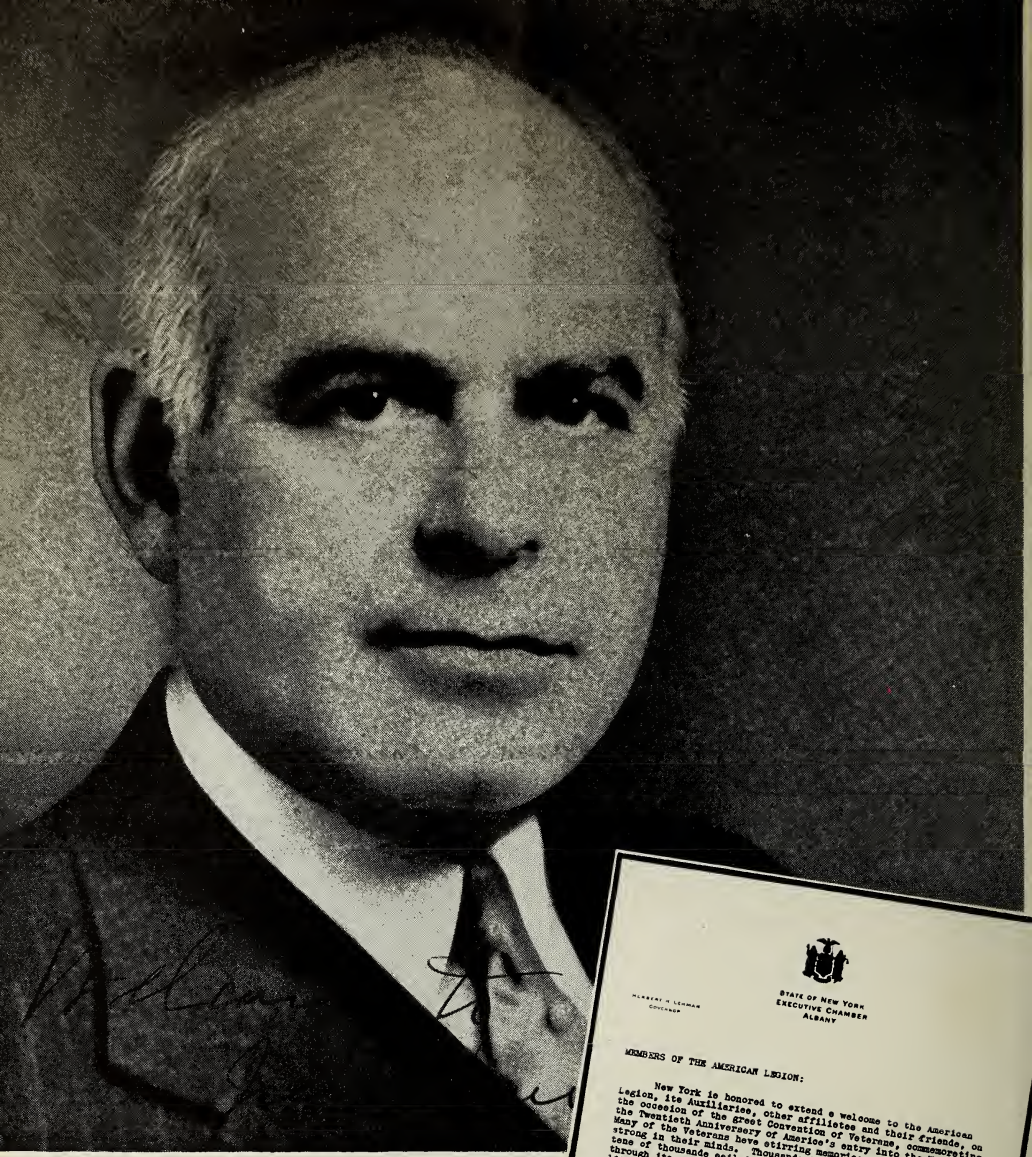
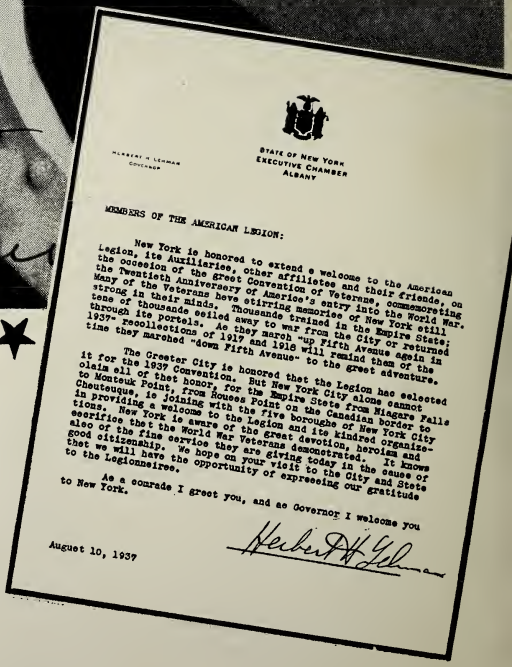
HON. HARRY W. COLMERY
National Commander
The American Legion





HERBERT H. LEHMAN
GOVERNOR

STATE OF NEW YORK
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
ALBANY

MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION:

New York is honored to extend a welcome to the American Legion, its Auxiliaries, other affiliates and their friends, on the occasion of the great Convention of Veterans, commemorating the Twentieth Anniversary of America's entry into the World War. Many of the Veterans have stirring memories of New York still strong in their minds. Thousands trained in the Empire State; tens of thousands sailed away to war from the City or returned through its portals. As they march "up Fifth Avenue again in 1937" recollections of 1917 and 1918 will remind them of the time they marched "down Fifth Avenue" to the great adventure.

The Greater City is honored that the Legion has selected it for the 1937 Convention. But New York City alone cannot claim all of that honor, for the Empire State from Niagara Falls to Montauk Point, from Rouses Point on the Canadian border to Chautauque, is joining with the five boroughs of New York City in providing a welcome to the Legion and its kindred organizations. New York is aware of the great devotion, heroism and sacrifice that the World War Veterans demonstrated. It knows also of the fine service they are giving today in the cause of good citizenship. We hope on your visit to the City and State that we will have the opportunity of expressing our gratitude to the Legionnaires.

As a comrade I greet you, and as Governor I welcome you to New York.

Herbert H. Lehman

August 10, 1937

His Excellency
HERBERT H. LEHMAN
The Governor of New York

City of New York
Office of the Mayor

August 20, 1937.

NEW YORK WELCOMES THE LEGION!

The City of New York is proud and happy to welcome the American Legion on the occasion of its Nineteenth Annual National Convention, and on the twentieth anniversary of its first historic march "up Fifth Avenue!"

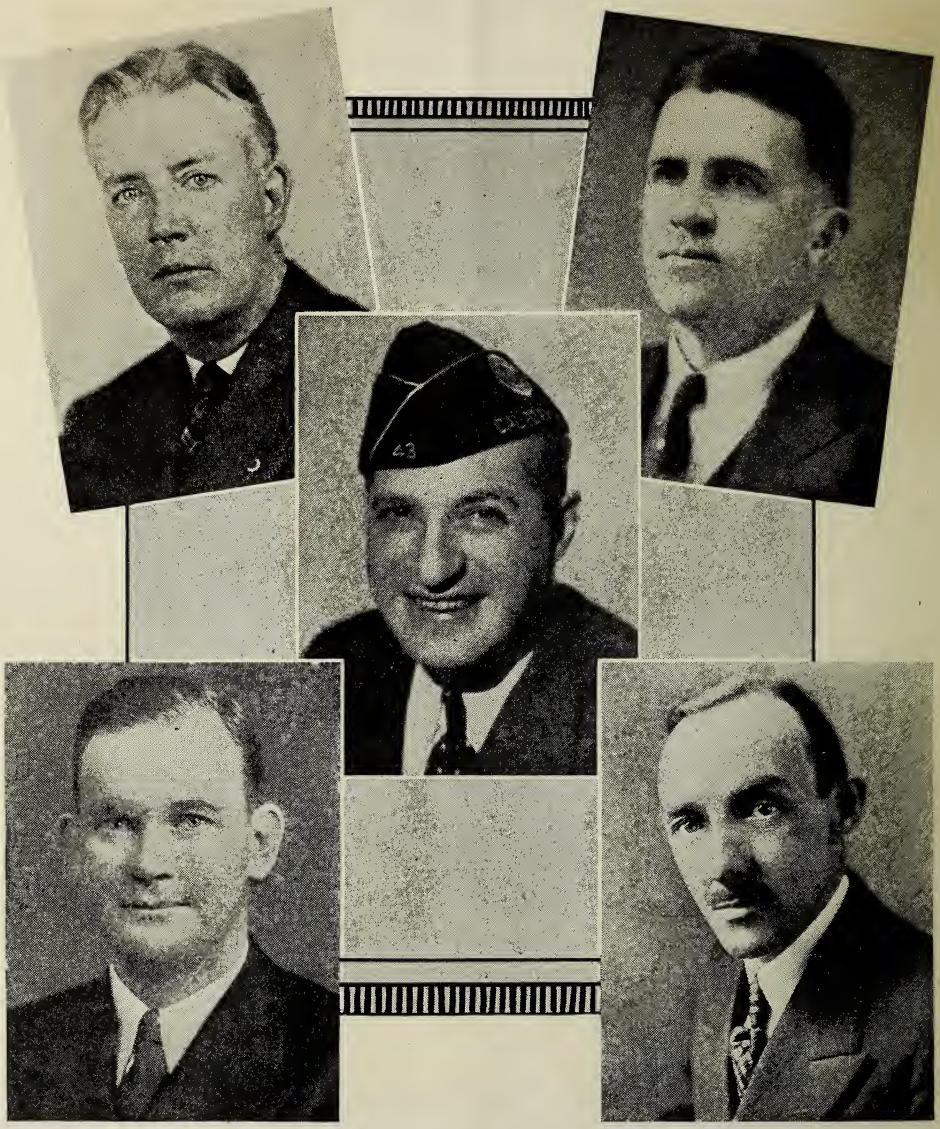
The people of our City remember with reverence the days when you came through the port on the way to the A E F, and they remember joyfully too the thrill of your return in 1919.

As Mayor I greet you officially, but as a comrade I welcome you with all the warmth and cordiality that two decades of accumulated memories and continuously ripening fraternal associations have fostered in my mind and heart.

Very sincerely yours,

Mayor.

His Honor
FIORELLO H. LA GUARDIA
The Mayor of New York City

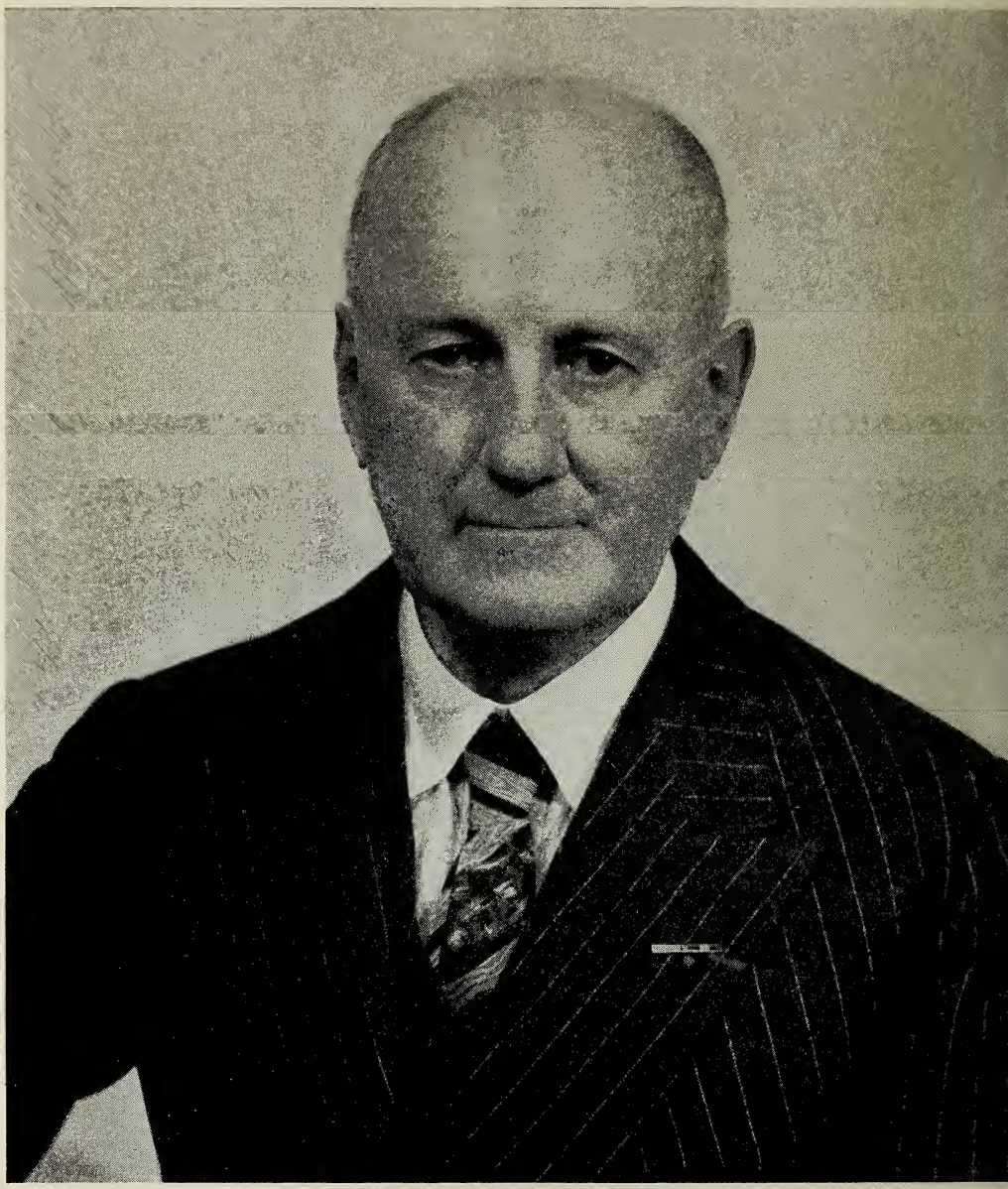


NATIONAL VICE COMMANDERS, THE AMERICAN LEGION

Top left: John Crowley. Top right: J. Fred Johnson, Jr. Center: Salvatore Capodice. Lower left: Leonard Sisk. Lower right: Leo Tenney.

NATIONAL OFFICERS, THE AMERICAN LEGION

Top left: Ralph B. Gregg, National Judge Advocate. Top right: John Ruddick, National Treasurer. Center: Frank E. Samuel, National Adjutant. Lower, left to right: Rev. Bryan H. Keathley, National Chaplain; Thomas M. Owen, Jr., National Historian; Vic Mackenzie, Director of Conventions.



JAMES G. HARBORD, *President*
THE AMERICAN LEGION 1937 CONVENTION CORPORATION

It has been the privilege of our Corporation to plan and effect arrangements for the comfort and entertainment of those attending the 19th Annual Convention of the American Legion and it is our hope that the culmination of our efforts will have provided a program that meets with complete favor by the officers and members of the American Legion, the Auxiliary, the Sons of the American Legion and the families of all who are in attendance at the Convention.

May your visit to our City be a happy and memorable one.

JAMES G. HARBORD, *President*
THE AMERICAN LEGION 1937 CONVENTION CORPORATION OF NEW YORK CITY

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS
THE AMERICAN LEGION 1937 CONVENTION CORPORATION

Top, left to right: Hon. Edward N. Schieberling, Vice President, Director, and Chairman Dept. Liaison Committee; William J. Pedrick, Vice President, Director, Chairman Executive Committee, Chairman Badge Committee; Maj. Gen. William N. Haskell, Vice President, Director, Chairman Parade Committee.
2nd Row: Hon. Douglas I. McKay, Vice President, Director, Chairman Special Events Committee; Robert E. Condon, Executive Vice President and Director; Hon. Edward J. Neary, Vice President and Director.
3rd Row: Hon. Joseph Clark Baldwin, III, Vice President, Director, Chairman Dist. Guest Committee; Mortimer N. Buckner, Treasurer and Director; Maurice Stember, Secretary and Director; Dr. George J. Lawrence, Vice President, Director, Chairman Sons of American Legion Committee.
Bottom: Hon. F. Trubee Davison, Vice President and Director.

DIRECTORS, THE AMERICAN LEGION 1937 CONVENTION CORPORATION

Top three: Stanley H. Howe, Lithgow Osborne, John Dwight Sullivan.
Left three, top to bottom: Robert E. Minnich, Abraham J. Rosenbloom, Oswald W. Knauth.
Right three, top to bottom: George M. Clancy, Arthur Price, Edward A. Vosseler.
Center: Jeremiah Francis Cross, Department Commander, N. Y.
Center group, (upper) left to right: S. Sloan Colt, William J. Donovan.
Center group, (lower) left to right: George W. Sweeney, John R. Kilpatrick.
Bottom three: Jacob Ark, Charles Hahn, Jr., Harry B. Ahrens.

DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEEMEN
THE AMERICAN LEGION 1937 CONVENTION CORPORATION

Top three: John Osowski, Director; Hon. Frank L. Polk, Director; Maj. Gen. John F. O'Ryan, Director.

Left three, top to bottom: William T. Dewart, Director; Arthur F. Duffy, Director; Richard B. O'Connor, Director.

Right three, top to bottom: Charles E. Murphy, Director; Frank Kallin, Director; William Lamb, Director.

Center: Hon. Alfred E. Smith, Chairman, Entertainment.

Center group, upper, left to right: Frank A. McKowne, Director; Frank H. Ritter, Director.

Center group, lower, left to right: Mrs. William H. Corwith, Miss Amy F. Patmore.

Bottom three: Major General John J. Byrne, Committee Chairman, Program; Frank J. Bolen, Committee Chairman, Registration; Lawrence A. McNally, Committee Chairman, Contests.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

THE AMERICAN LEGION 1937 CONVENTION CORPORATION OF NEW YORK CITY

Top: John Mangan, Sightseeing; Pelham St. George Bissell, 40 and 8; James A. Brewer, National Commanders Dinner.

2nd row: Joseph H. Freedlander, Decorations; Edward J. Clark, Grand Stand; Matthew W. Del Gaudio, Information; Robert W. Sparks, Halls and Seating.

Bottom: Dr. John Duff, First Aid and Hospitalization; Hon. Henri Schwab, Concessions; James V. Demarest, Publications.

# OFFICIAL PROGRAM

## Nineteenth Annual National Convention

## THE AMERICAN LEGION

September 20-21-22-23, 1937
NEW YORK, N. Y.

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1937

9:00 a. m.—Publication and Publicity Coordination Committee, Hotel Pennsylvania.

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1937

9:00 a. m.—Resolutions Assignment Committee, Hotel Pennsylvania.
10:00 a. m.—National Defense Committee, Hotel Pennsylvania.

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1937

9:00 a. m.—Sons of The American Legion Committee, Hotel Pennsylvania.
9:00 a. m.—Committee on Resolutions and Policies, Hotel Pennsylvania.
9:00 a. m.—Committee on Proposed Amendments to National Constitution and Bylaws, Hotel Pennsylvania.
9:00 a. m.—FIDAC Study Committee, Hotel Pennsylvania.
9:00 a. m.—Contests Supervisory Committee, Hotel Pennsylvania.
2:00 p. m.—National Finance Committee, Hotel Pennsylvania.

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1937

9:00 a. m.—National Executive Committee, Hotel Pennsylvania.
1:00 p. m.—Committee on Credentials, Hotel Pennsylvania.
1:15 p. m.—Committee on Permanent Organization, Hotel Pennsylvania.
1:30 p. m.—Committee on Rules, Hotel Pennsylvania.
2:00 p. m.—Child Welfare Conference, Hotel Pennsylvania.
8:00 p. m.—Memorial Concert, Madison Square Garden.

## OFFICIAL PROGRAM, AMERICAN LEGION (Continued)

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1937

Joint session—The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary

PLACE: MADISON SQUARE GARDEN

9:00 a. m.—Music

Musicians Post No. 394 Band, St. Louis, Missouri
Commonwealth Edison Post No. 118 Drum and Bugle Corps, Chicago, Illinois
} National Champions

9:30 a. m.—Call to Order—Harry W. Colmery, National Commander.

Invocation—Rev. Bryan H. Keathley, National Chaplain.

Silent Tribute—Laying of wreath on Tomb of Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery, by National Pilgrimage Committee, The American Legion.

Advancement of Colors.

Solo—"Star Spangled Banner"—Official Soloist.

Call of Convention—Frank E. Samuel, National Adjutant.

Addresses of Welcome:

His Excellency, HERBERT H. LEHMAN, *The Governor of New York.*

His Honor, FIORELLO H. LAGUARDIA, *The Mayor of New York City.*

Major General JAMES G. HARBORD, *President,* The American Legion 1937 Convention Corporation of N. Y. C.

GEORGE M. CLANCY, 1936-1937 *Commander,* Dept. of New York, The American Legion.

Response: JOHN QUINN, *Past National Commander.*

Presentation of Medallion to Chief Executive of the City of Cleveland, Ohio, in which previous National Convention was held, by Honorable J. Monroe Johnson.

10:15 a. m.—Committee Reports:

(a) Permanent Organization
(b) Credentials
(c) Rules

MEMORIAL SERVICES—Rev. Bryan H. Keathley, National Chaplain.

"There Is No Death"—O'Hara—Official Soloist.

Silent Prayer.

Taps.

Greetings:

Mrs. O. W. Hahn, National President, American Legion Auxiliary.

Harry E. Ransom, Chef de Chemin de Fer, Forty and Eight.

Presentation of Distinguished Guests:
Report of National Commander:
Addresses:
Retirement of Colors.
Adjournment.

1:00 p. m.—Conference of Department Judge Advocates, Hotel Pennsylvania.

1:00 p. m.—Luncheon meeting for Department Historians, Hotel New Yorker.

2:00 p. m.—Conference of Department Graves Registration Officers, Hotel Pennsylvania.

3:00 p. m.—Informal meeting of General Members of National Child Welfare Committee and Department Child Welfare Chairmen, Hotel Pennsylvania.

4:00 p. m.—Meetings of all Convention Committees.

5:00 p. m.—National Commander's Reception to Distinguished Guests, Hotel Pennsylvania.

6:00 p. m.—National Commander's Dinner for Distinguished Guests, Hotel Pennsylvania.

7:00 p. m.—National Drum and Bugle Corps, Championship Contest—Polo Grounds.

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1937

7:15 a. m.—Breakfast to National Commander Harry W. Colmery by the Empire State Club, Hon. Alfred E. Smith, President.

9:00 a. m.—Official Convention Parade.
Meetings of Convention Committees.
(These meetings will be held at time agreed upon at previous meetings.)

4:00 p. m.—Governor of New York State Reception to the National Commander and other members of Reviewing Party.

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1937

### PLACE: METROPOLITAN OPERA HOUSE

8:30 a. m.—Music.

9:00 a. m.—Call to Order—Harry W. Colmery, National Commander.
Advancement of Colors.
Invocation—Rev. Bryan H. Keathley, National Chaplain.
Committee Reports:
Constitutional Amendments (First Reading)
Presentation of Distinguished Guests.
Greetings:
Addresses:
Convention Committee Reports:
Finance
Americanism
Child Welfare
National Defense

Foreign Relations
Internal Organization
Legislation
Rehabilitation
Resolutions
National Convention Liaison Committee
(Standing Committee)
Education of War Orphans

Retirement of Colors.

Adjournment.

8:00 p. m.—Midnight Alarm by New York City Fire and Police Departments—Madison Square Garden.

10:00 p. m.—All Star Entertainment—Madison Square Garden.

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1937

### PLACE: METROPOLITAN OPERA HOUSE

8:30 a. m.—Music.

9:00 a. m.—Call to Order—Harry W. Colmery, National Commander.

Advancement of Colors.

Invocation—Rev. Bryan H. Keathley, National Chaplain.

Presentation of Distinguished Guests:

Reports of Convention Committees:
Constitutional Amendments (Second Reading)

Announcement of Trophy Awards:
(a) Bands
(b) Drum and Bugle Corps
(c) Rifle Drill Teams
(d) Golf Tournament
(e) Color Guard
(f) Sons of The American Legion Drum and Bugle Corps
(g) Post History Contest.

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

Election of Officers.

Presentation of Colors to Outgoing National Commander.

Presentation of Colors to Incoming National Commander.

Retirement of Colors.

Adjournment.

8:00 p. m.—Amateur National Boxing Tournament under auspices of Metropolitan A. A. U.—Madison Square Garden Bowl, Long Island City.

(The National Executive Committee will meet within twenty-four hours after the adjournment of the National Convention, upon call of the National Commander.)

MRS. OSCAR W. HAHN, *President*
The American Legion Auxiliary

NATIONAL OFFICERS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Top, left to right: Mrs. Wilber DeWeese, Vice President, Central Division; Mrs. Glenn A. Snodgrass, Vice President, Western Division; Mrs. Ella A. O'Brien, Vice President, Northwestern Division.

Circle: Mrs. Gwendolyn Wiggin MacDowell, Secretary.

2nd row, left to right: Mrs. John Allison Hardy, Vice President, Southern Division; Mrs. James J. Bromley, Vice President, Eastern Division.

Bottom row: Mrs. Thomas H. Johnson, Historian; Mrs. Thomas J. Giblin, Chaplain; Mrs. Cecilia Wenz, Treasurer.

# OFFICIAL PROGRAM

## Seventeenth National Convention

## THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

### NEW YORK, N. Y.

### September 20-23, 1937

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1937

10:30 a. m.—National Executive Committee Meeting—Hotel Astor, College Hall, Eighth Floor.

11:00 a. m.—Department Presidents' Conference—Hotel Astor.
Small Departments, Art Nouveau Room—Mrs. Harold L. Cook, Chairman.
Medium Departments, Terrace Room—Mrs. J. E. Damron, Chairman.
Large Departments, Yacht Room—Mrs. Lawrence Smith, Chairman.

12:00 a. m.—Fidac Breakfast—Roof Garden, Hotel Astor.
Mrs. S. Alford Blackburn, American Vice President Fidac Auxiliary and Chairman Fidac Committee.
Mrs. Margaret Wagner, Local Chairman.

2:00 p. m.—Convention Committee Meetings—Hotel Astor.
Americanism: Mrs. T. A. King, Chairman, East Ball Room, Eighth Floor.
Community Service, Music, Emblem, Trophies and Awards: Mrs. Wm. Glenn Suthers, Chairman, North Ball Room, Eighth Floor.
Finance: Mrs. O. L. Bodenhamer, Chairman, North Garden, Tenth Floor.
Legislative: Mrs. Louis Lemstra, Chairman, College Hall, Eighth Floor.
Membership: Mrs. J. H. Turnbull, Chairman, Terrace Room, Mezzanine.
Permanent Organization: Mrs. A. J. Mathebat, Chairman, Art Noveaux, Eighth Floor.
Poppy: Mrs. J. B. Dunn, Chairman, South Garden, Tenth Floor.
Rehabilitation: Mrs. James Morris, Chairman, Rose Room, First Floor.
Rules: Mrs. Willis C. Reed, Chairman, Yacht Room, Eighth Floor.

2:30 p. m.— Credentials: Miss Blanche W. Scallen, Chairman, Yacht Room, Eighth Floor.

Education of War Orphans: Mrs. Samuel Blakeslee, Chairman, Art Nouveaux, Eighth Floor.

3:00 p. m.— Pages: Mrs. Franklin P. Bowersox, National Chairman; Mrs. Robert Armstrong, National Vice Chairman; Mrs. Elizabeth Burdett, Local Committee Chairman — Ball Room, First Floor.

National President's Pages: Mrs. Charles Tucker, Mrs. Rae Ashton, Mrs. Richard Redwood, Mrs. John K. Sawyer.

4:00 p. m.—Pages' Tea, Florentine Room at Schrafft's, 220 West 57th Street, New York City—Miss Mary Bissell, Chairman.

4:30 p. m.—Convention Committee Meetings—Hotel Astor.

Child Welfare: Mrs. Harold Diers, Chairman, Rose Room, First Floor.

Constitution and By-Laws: Mrs. Jonathan E. Wheatley, Chairman, Yacht Room, Eighth Floor.

Fidac: Mrs. S. Alford Blackburn, Chairman, North Garden, Tenth Floor.

Historians: Mrs. Thomas H. Johnson, National Historian, Art Nouveaux, Eighth Floor.

Junior Activities: Mrs. A. B. Weyer, Chairman, South Garden, Tenth Floor.

National Defense: Mrs. Malcolm Douglas, Chairman, North Ball Room, Eighth Floor.

National Publication: Mrs. Wm. H. Biester, Jr., Chairman, Terrace Room, Mezzanine.

Radio: Mrs. Wm. Corwith, Chairman, East Ball Room, Eighth Floor.

Resolutions: Mrs. Eben P. Keen, Chairman, College Hall, Eighth Floor.

5:00 p. m.—Eight and Forty Pouvoir Meeting—Hotel Astor.

Mrs. Mollie Averill, Chapeau National

Mrs. Margaret Delles, Secretaire Nationale

7:00 p. m.—Department Secretaries' Dinner—House of Cribari.

Miss Ann Cross, Permanent Secretary of Department Secretaries' Association

Mrs. Edwin W. Ashby, Local Chairman

8:00 p. m.—Religious and Patriotic Service—Madison Square Garden.

8:30 p. m.—Past Presidents' Parley Meeting and Supper—Hotel Astor.

Mrs. Robert Walbridge, National Parley Chairman

Mrs. J. W. Macauley, National Parley Secretary

Mrs. Elizabeth Grieve, General Chairman

## OFFICIAL PROGRAM, AUXILIARY (Continued)

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1937

9:00 a. m.—Attendance at National Convention of The American Legion—Madison Square Garden.

1:20 p. m.—Opening Session, National Convention, American Legion Auxiliary—Grand Ball Room, Hotel Astor.

1:30 p. m.—Processional of National Officers and Distinguished Guests.

1:45 p. m.—Call to Order by the National President, Mrs. Oscar W. Hahn.

Advance of the Colors.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, led by Mrs. T. A. King, National Americanism Chairman.

Invocation—Mrs. Thomas J. Giblin, National Chaplain.

Solo—"The Star-Spangled Banner."

Reading of the Call to the Convention—Mrs. Gwendolyn Wiggin MacDowell, National Secretary.

Greetings from the Department of New York, American Legion Auxiliary—Mrs. Clyde Kernahan, Past Department President.

Presentation of Convention Chairmen by the National Chairman of the Convention—Mrs. Wm. Corwith.

Reports:

National Secretary, Mrs. Gwendolyn Wiggin MacDowell
National Treasurer, Mrs. Cecilia Wenz
National Historian, Mrs. Thomas H. Johnson

Address: Annual Report of the National President, Mrs. Oscar W. Hahn.

3:30 p. m.—Music: Prize-winning Glee Club for 1936, Plymouth, Pennsylvania.

Address: Lloyd Wampler, Governor of Hoosier Boys' State.

Address: National Commander of The American Legion, Mr. Harry W. Colmery.

Greetings: National Vice Presidents, American Legion Auxiliary

Mrs. James J. Bromley, Eastern Division
Mrs. Wilbur S. DeWeese, Central Division
Mrs. John Allison Hardy, Southern Division
Mrs. Glenn A. Snodgrass, Western Division
Mrs. Ella O'Brien, Northwestern Division

Greetings: Inter-Allied President, Fidac Auxiliary—Mrs. Joseph H. Thompson.

Greetings: American Vice President, Fidac Auxiliary—Mrs. S. Alford Blackburn.

Greetings: First National President, American Legion Auxiliary—Mrs. Lowell F. Hobart.

Presentation of Past National Presidents:

Mrs. Franklin Lee Bishop

Mrs. O. D. Olipahnt
Mrs. Eliza London Shepard
Mrs. J. W. Macauley
Mrs. Robert Walbridge
Mrs. Boyce Ficklen, Jr.
Mrs. Donald Macrae, Jr.
Mrs. Robert Lincoln Hoyal
Mrs. Frederick C. Williams
Mrs. S. Alford Blackburn
Mrs. Wm. H. Biester, Jr.
Mrs. Albin Charles Carlson
Mrs. Melville Mucklestone

Distinguished Guest Chairman, American Legion Auxiliary—Mrs. Frederick C. Williams.

Presentation of Distinguished Guests.

Reports of Convention Committees:

Permanent Organization: Mrs. A. J. Mathebat, Chairman
Credentials: Miss Blanche W. Scallen, Chairman
Rules: Mrs. Willis C. Reed, Chairman
Americanism: Mrs. T. A. King, Chairman
Education of War Orphans: Mrs. Samuel Blakeslee, Chairman
Fidac: Mrs. S. Alford Blackburn, Chairman
Junior Activities: Mrs. A. B. Weyer, Chairman
Membership: Mrs. J. H. Turnbull, Chairman
Poppy: Mrs. J. B. Dunn, Chairman
Radio: Mrs. Wm. Corwith, Chairman

Retirement of Colors.

Adjournment.

3:30 p. m.—Gold Star Tea, Roosevelt House—Mrs. Helen Conway, Chairman.

4:00 p. m.—National Music Contest, Columbia Little Theater—Mrs. Tillman Jones, National Chairman; Mrs. Bertha Ketcham, Local Chairman.

4:00 p. m.—Eight and Forty Marche—South Salon, Hotel Astor.

8:00 p. m.—Divisional Caucuses—Hotel Astor.

Mrs. James J. Bromley, Vice President, Eastern Division—East Ball Room, Eighth Floor.
Mrs. Wilbur S. DeWeese, Vice President, Central Division—Terrace Room, Mezzanine.
Mrs. John Allison Hardy, Vice President, Southern Division—Rose Room, First Floor.
Mrs. Glenn A. Snodgrass, Vice President, Western Division—Coral Room, First Floor.
Mrs. Ella O'Brien, Vice President, Northwestern Division—College Hall, Eighth Floor.

8:30 p. m.—Eight and Forty Dinner—North Ball Room, Eighth Floor, Hotel Astor.

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1937

8:00 a. m.—Aloha Breakfast—North Garden, Hotel Astor—Mrs. Lowell F. Hobart, Chairman; Mrs. May Cobb, Local Chairman.

Adjourned Committee Meetings as necessary.

9:00 a. m.—Parade.

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1937

8:00 a. m.—Convention Convenes—Grand Ball Room, Hotel Astor.

Call to Order by the National President, Mrs. Oscar W. Hahn.

Advance of the Colors.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, led by Mrs. T. A. King, National Americanism Chairman.

Invocation—Mrs. Thomas J. Giblin, National Chaplain.

Nomination of National Officers.

Nomination of American Vice President, Fidac Auxiliary.

Report of Convention Committees:
- Community Service, Music, Emblem, Trophies and Awards: Mrs. Wm. G. Suthers, Chairman
- Emblem, Trophies and Awards: Mrs. Alexander Fraser, Vice Chairman, in charge of Emblem, Trophies and Awards
- Music: Mrs. Tillman Jones, Vice President in charge of Music

Music by the Winning Glee Club.

Report of Convention Committees:
- Child Welfare: Mrs. Harold Diers, Chairman
- Constitution and By-Laws: Mrs. Jonathan E. Wheatley, Chairman
- Finance: Mrs. O. L. Bodenhamer, Chairman

Music by the Winning Trio.

Report of Convention Committees:
- Legislative: Mrs. Louis Lemstra, Chairman
- National Defense: Mrs. Malcolm Douglas, Chairman
- National Publication: Mrs. Wm. H. Biester, Jr., Chairman
- Rehabilitation: Mrs. James Morris, Chairman

Music by the Winning Quartette.

Presentation of the Second Annual Radio Award — Mrs. William H. Corwith, Chairman, National Radio Committee.

## OFFICIAL PROGRAM, AUXILIARY (Continued)

11:00 a. m.—Address by Distinguished Guest.

Report of Past Presidents' Parley—Mrs. Robert Walbridge, Chairman.

Report of Eight and Forty—Mrs. Mollie Averill, Chapeau Nationale.

Retirement of Colors.

Adjournment.

4:00 p. m.—Eight and Forty Pouvoir Meeting—Hotel Astor.

7:30 p. m.—States' Dinner—Grand Ball Room, Hotel Astor.

Mrs. F. Trubee Davison, Honorary Chairman

Mrs. Ella Ransom, Chairman

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1937

8:00 a. m.—Convention Convenes—Grand Ball Room, Hotel Astor.

Call to Order by the National President, Mrs. Oscar W. Hahn.

Advance of the Colors.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, led by Mrs. T. A. King, National Americanism Chairman.

Invocation—Mrs. Thomas J. Giblin, National Chaplain.

Election of National Officers.

Election of American Vice President, Fidac Auxiliary.

Unfinished Business.

Report of Convention Committees:

Constitution and By-Laws: Mrs. Jonathan E. Wheatley, Chairman

Resolutions: Mrs. Eben P. Keen, Chairman

New Business.

Introduction of Newly Elected National Commander of The American Legion.

Installation of Officers—Mrs. Lowell F. Hobart, Past National President.

Presentation of Colors to Retiring President—Mrs. Melville Mucklestone, Past National President.

Retirement of Colors.

Adjournment.

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Parliamentarian: Mrs. Harry Harvey Thomas.

Post-Convention Meeting of the National Executive Committee—College Hall, Hotel Astor.

# OFFICIAL PROGRAM

## LEGION WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1937

10:00 a. m. to 10 p. m.—The Overseas Service League, Inc., 315 Lexington Avenue (Red Cross Bldg.), will keep "Open House" September 19th through Thursday 23rd where Legionnaires may meet their families, friends and buddies, or renew old friendships with the overseas Red Cross Women.

### Sunday, September 19, 1937

6:00 p. m.—The National Yeomen F annual meeting and Reunion Dinner, Hotel Martinique, Broadway and 32nd Street.

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1937

7:00 a. m.—A memorial mass, Saint Frances of Assisi Church, 135 West 31st Street.

8:00 to 8:30 a. m.—Religious service, "Little Church Around the Corner," 1 East 29th Street.

### Monday, September 20, 1937

6:45 p. m.—Legion Women's Reunion and Banquet, Hotel Biltmore, 43rd Street and Madison Avenue.

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1937

7:30 a. m.—The National Organization of World War Nurses (Headquarters Park Central Hotel) Annual Reunion Breakfast, Hotel Pennsylvania, followed by Annual Meeting.

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1937

3:00 to 6:00 p. m.—The Jane A. Delano Post No. 344, of The American Legion of New York City—Tea for Legion Women, the garden Atop the British Empire Bldg., Rockefeller Center, 620 Fifth Avenue.

### Wednesday, September 22, 1937

10:00 a. m. - 10:00 p. m.—The Women's Overseas Service League, 283 Lexington Avenue (Soldiers and Sailors Club)—At Home to Legionnaires and friends.

# HEADQUARTERS PARADE COMMITTEE

## 30 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA

### PARADE COMMITTEE

HON. J. RAY MURPHY, *Honorary Grand Marshal*

MAJOR GENERAL WILLIAM N. HASKELL,
*Chairman and Grand Marshal*

COLONEL JOSEPH A. S. MUNDY, *Chief of Staff*

LIEUTENANT COLONEL HAMPTON ANDERSON,
*Assistant Chief of Staff*

LIEUTENANT COLONEL GERARD W. KELLEY,
*Adjutant General*

## PARADE ORDER

The instructions contained herein will govern the official parade of the Nineteenth National Convention of the American Legion.

TIME: (a) The leading elements of the parade will move promptly from the initial point at 9:00 a. m., Tuesday, September 21, 1937, regardless of weather conditions.

(b) The time and place of assembly for each department or element of the parade is shown in detail on the map herewith and in Paragraph 5 of this order.

ROUTE: The parade will start at 26th Street and Fifth Avenue, and proceed north on Fifth Avenue, disbanding on streets leading East, between 73rd and 79th Streets, as indicated on the Parade Map herewith.

ASSEMBLY AREA: (a) Assembly areas for all departments are as indicated in the Parade Map herewith and in Paragraph 5 of this order. Guides for each department will be present at the various hotels to assist visiting Legionnaires to reach assembly points.

(b) Circulation:

Fifth Avenue: Two way traffic until 8:30 a. m. After that hour restricted to parade movement.

Madison, Lexington, Third and Second Avenues: Two way traffic at all times, under police control.

34th, 42nd, 57th and 59th Streets: Two way traffic at all times, under police control.

32nd and 33rd Streets: Each one way traffic under police control.

The following streets, between Second and Fifth Avenues, are closed to parade movements (assembly and disbandment purposes) during the hours of assembly as indicated in Paragraph 5:

26th Street
27th Street
28th Street
29th Street
30th Street
31st Street
73rd Street
74th Street
75th Street
76th Street
77th Street
78th Street
79th Street

ORGANIZATION: The order in which departments or other elements will appear in the parade is shown in detail on the Parade Map. In order to regulate and facilitate the march of the parade, the various elements have been grouped into divisions, each under a division marshal. For ready reference the composition of these divisions, showing the order of march, and time and place of assembly for the various elements, is shown in the following Organization and March Table:

# ORGANIZATION AND MARCH TABLE

## 1st DIVISION

| *Unit* | *Time* | *Place of Assembly* |
|---|---|---|
| Mounted Escort, N. Y. City Police | 8:30 A. M. | Madison Square Park, West Side. |
| Combined American Legion Posts of New York City Police Department<br>Grand Marshall and Staff<br>Honorary Grand Marshal and Staffs | 8:30 A. M. | East 26th Street, facing west, head of column at Fifth Avenue. |
| Detachments U. S. Army, Navy and Marines | 8:30 A. M. | East 26th Street, facing west, head of column at Lexington Avenue. |

## 2nd DIVISION

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|---|---|---|
| National Champion Drum and Bugle Corps | 8:30 A. M. | East 27th Street, facing west, head of column at Fifth Avenue. |
| National Colors, with National Rifle Team as Escort to the Colors<br>National Commander<br>National Champion American Legion Band<br>Past National Commanders | 8:30 A. M. | East 27th Street, facing west, head of column at Madison Avenue. |
| Foreign Departments: Alaska, Canada, France, Hawaii, Italy, Mexico, Panama, Philippine Islands, Puerto Rico. | 8:30 A. M. | East 27th Street, facing west, in rear of "E". |

## 3rd DIVISION

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Mississippi | 8:45 A. M. | East 27th Street, facing west, head of column at Fourth Avenue. |
| Vermont | 8:45 A. M. | East 27th Street, in rear of Mississippi. |
| North Dakota | 8:45 A. M. | East 27th Street, in rear of Vermont. |
| Nevada | 8:45 A. M. | East 27th Street, in rear of North Dakota. |
| Iowa | 8:45 A. M. | East 27th Street, facing west, head of column at Lexington Avenue. |
| Nebraska | 8:45 A. M. | East 28th Street, facing west, head of column at Fifth Avenue. |
| Idaho | 8:45 A. M. | East 28th Street, in rear of Nebraska. |
| Tennessee | 8:45 A. M. | East 28th Street, facing west, head of column at Madison Avenue. |
| Arizona | 8:45 A. M. | East 28th Street, in rear of Tennessee. |
| South Dakota | 8:45 A. M. | East 28th Street, in rear of Arizona. |
| New Hampshire | 8:45 A. M. | East 28th Street, facing west, head of column at Fourth Avenue. |
| Maine | 8:45 A. M. | East 28th Street, facing west, head of column at Lexington Avenue. |

## PARADE ORDER (Continued)

### 4th DIVISION

| *Unit* | *Time* | *Place of Assembly* |
|---|---|---|
| Indiana | 9:30 A. M. | East 28th Street, facing west, head of column at Third Avenue. |
| Wisconsin | 9:30 A. M. | East 29th Street, facing west, head of column at Fifth Avenue. |
| Florida | 9:30 A. M. | East 29th Street, facing west, head of column at Madison Avenue. |
| South Carolina | 9:30 A. M. | East 29th Street, in rear of Florida. |
| Louisiana | 9:30 A. M. | East 29th Street, facing west, head of column at Fourth Avenue. |
| Minnesota | 9:30 A. M. | East 29th Street, in rear of Louisiana. |
| Oklahoma | 9:30 A. M. | East 29th Street, in rear of Minnesota. |

### 5th DIVISION

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|---|---|---|
| Kansas | 10:15 A. M. | East 29th Street, facing west, head of column at Lexington Avenue. |
| Montana | 10:15 A. M. | East 29th Street, in rear of Kansas. |
| Delaware | 10:15 A. M. | East 29th Street, in rear of Montana. |
| Arkansas | 10:15 A. M. | East 29th Street, in rear of Delaware. |
| North Carolina | 10:15 A. M. | East 30th Street, facing west, head of column at Fifth Avenue. |
| Oregon | 10:15 A. M. | East 30th Street, in rear of North Carolina. |
| Illinois | 10:15 A. M. | East 30th Street, facing west, head of column at Madison Avenue. |
| Alabama | 10:15 A. M. | East 30th Street, facing west, head of column at Third Avenue. |

### 6th DIVISION

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| District of Columbia | 11:00 A. M. | East 31st Street, facing west, head of column at Fifth Avenue. |
| Georgia | 11:00 A. M. | East 31st Street, facing west, head of column at Madison Avenue. |
| West Virginia | 11:00 A. M. | East 31st Street, in rear of Georgia. |
| Washington | 11:00 A. M. | East 31st Street, facing west, head of column at Fourth Avenue. |
| California | 11:00 A. M. | East 31st Street, in rear of Washington. |
| Ohio | 11:00 A. M. | East 31st Street, in rear of California. |
| Wyoming | 11:00 A. M. | East 31st Street, in rear of Ohio. |

## PARADE ORDER (Continued)

### 7th DIVISION

| *Unit* | *Time* | *Place of Assembly* |
|---|---|---|
| Connecticut | 12:00 A. M. | East 26th Street, facing west, head of column at Fifth Avenue. |
| Kentucky | 12:00 A. M. | East 26th Street, in rear of Connecticut. |
| Pennsylvania | 12:00 A. M. | East 26th Street, facing west, head of column at Fourth Avenue. |

### 8th DIVISION

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|---|---|---|
| Massachusetts | 1:15 P. M. | East 27th Street, facing west, head of column at Fifth Avenue. |
| Colorado | 1:15 P. M. | East 27th Street, facing west, head of column at Third Avenue. |
| New Mexico | 1:15 P. M. | East 27th Street, in rear of Colorado. |
| Virginia | 1:15 P. M. | East 27th Street, in rear of New Mexico. |

### 9th DIVISION

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Michigan | 2:15 P. M. | East 28th Street, facing west, head of column at Fifth Avenue. |
| Utah | 2:15 P. M. | East 28th Street, facing west, head of column at Madison Avenue. |
| Missouri | 2:15 P. M. | East 28th Street, in rear of Utah. |
| Rhode Island | 2:15 P. M. | East 28th Street, in rear of Missouri. |
| New Jersey | 2:15 P. M. | East 28th Street, facing west, head of column at Fourth Avenue. |
| Maryland | 2:15 P. M. | East 28th Street, facing west, head of column at Third Avenue. |
| Texas | 2:15 P. M. | East 28th Street, in rear of Maryland. |

### 10th DIVISION

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| New York | 3:30 P. M. | East 29th Street. |
| | 4:15 P. M. | East 30th Street. |
| | 5:00 P. M. | East 31st Street. |
| | | Heads of all columns at Fifth Avenue, facing west, each column extending to Second Avenue. |

## PARADE ORDER (Continued)

FORMATION: The units of the parade will form for marching as follows:

(a) Police escort (As directed by the Commander thereof).

(b) Grand Marshal and Staff and Honorary Grand Marshal and Staff (As directed by the Grand Marshal).

(c) Military and Naval Escort (As directed by the Commanders of the respective elements).

(d) National Champion Drum and Bugle Corps (As directed by the Commander).

(e) National Colors, National Rifle Team, and National Commander (Colors as directed by Commander).

(f) National Champion American Legion Band (As directed by the Commander).

(g) Past National Commanders in automobiles. (Past National Commanders usually march with their Departments.)

(h) American Legion Departments (including uniformed bodies of the American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion) will march in platoons of thirty-two (32), formed in two ranks, sixteen (16) abreast, one pace distance between front and rear ranks.

(i) Massed colors: Sixteen abreast, The department and post colors of each department of the American Legion and the department and unit colors of each department of the American Legion Auxiliary will be massed at the head of each department delegation. This must include colors of all musical organizations.

(j) Bands and Drum Corps: As directed by drum majors.

(k) Authorized floats and automobiles: In single column. Entry of floats in the parade is restricted to those of an American Legion or patriotic character. No other floats, automobiles or buses will be permitted.

REVIEWING AND GRAND STANDS: The official reviewing stand for the National Commander and his party will be The Plaza, 59th Street and Fifth Avenue.

ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN PARADE: With the exception of the police and military and naval escort and distinguished guests, eligibility to participate in the parade is limited to the members of the American Legion, uniformed bodies of the American Legion Auxiliary, and Sons of the American Legion.

FIRST-AID AND CONVENIENCE STATIONS: First Aid and Convenience Stations in the Assembly Areas and along the route of march will be indicated by appropriate markers or signs.

PARADE OFFICIALS: In addition to his general and personal staff, the Grand Marshal will be assisted in the conduct of the parade by other officials designated as regulating officers, division marshals, liaison officers and guides.

(a) CHIEF REGULATING OFFICER, ASSEMBLY AREA:
Colonel Mills Miller

(b) CHIEF REGULATING OFFICER, LINE OF MARCH:
Colonel Foster G. Hetzel

(c) CHIEF REGULATING OFFICER, REVIEWING STAND:
Colonel Redmond F. Kernan

(d) CHIEF REGULATING OFFICER, DISBANDING AREA:
Colonel Alexander E. Anderson

(e) DIVISION MARSHALS: The following are designated as Division Marshals:

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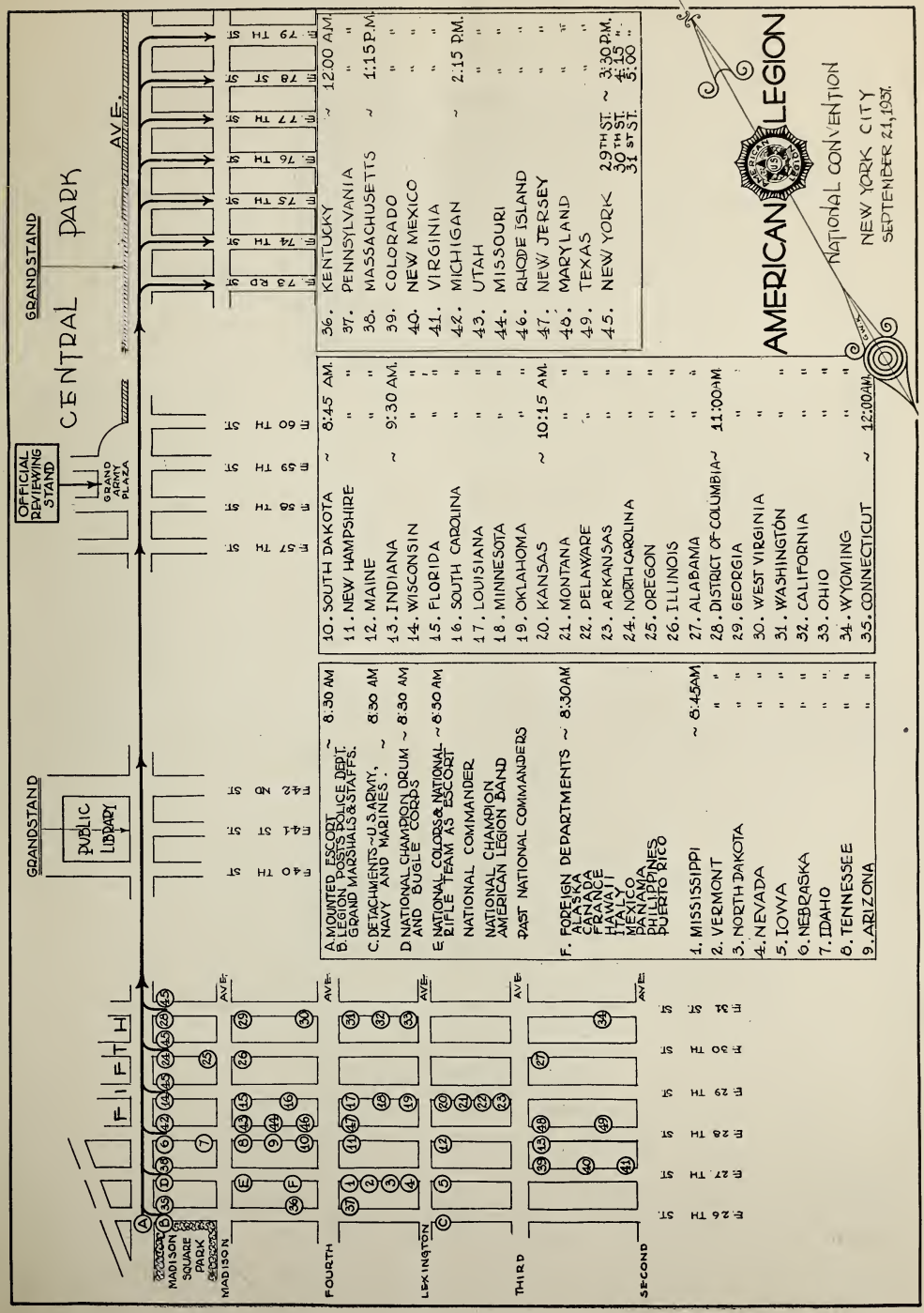
| Lieutenant Colonel Martin H. Meaney | 1st Division |
| Lieutenant Colonel Hiram W. Taylor | 2nd Division |
| Lieutenant Colonel Samuel D. Davies | 3rd Division |
| Lieutenant Colonel Joseph W. Utter | 4th Division |
| Lieutenant Colonel Charles A. Luckhurst | 5th Division |
| Lieutenant Colonel J. Gardiner Conroy | 6th Division |
| Lieutenant Colonel Gilbert Ackerman | 7th Division |
| Lieutenant Colonel Theodore J. Krokus | 8th Division |
| Lieutenant Colonel Alfred D. Reutershan | 9th Division |
| Colonel Clarence H. Higginson | 10th Division |

Embraced in this order are the Parade Map and the march table. The march table contains information as to assembly areas and the order of march. The Parade Map shows graphically the parade route. The number appearing in front of the name of each unit refers to the corresponding number on the parade map, and shows the approximate location of the assembly area. Exact location will be indicated at the assembly area by a marker bearing the name of the unit.

Headquarters of the Grand Marshal and Parade Committee are located at 30 Rockefeller Plaza.

# LINE OF MARCH AND ASSEMBLY AREAS



NATIONAL OFFICERS, LA SOCIETE DES 40 HOMMES ET 8 CHEVAUX

Top: William G. Peterson, Conducteur Nationale.

Center row, left to right: Walter C. Kirschner, Grand Chef de Gare, 1937; Harry E. Ransom, Chef de Chemin de Fer; N. Carl Nielsen, Commissaire Intendant Nationale.

Bottom: Charles W. Ardery, Correspondant Nationale.

# NATIONAL OFFICERS

## La Societe Des 40 Hommes Et 8 Chevaux

Chef de Chemin de Fer.....Harry E. Ransom, West Alice, Wisc.

Sous Chefs de Chemin de Fer.....Lyon W. Brandon, Como, Mississippi
Wm. C. Petit, Detroit, Mich.
G. M. Carroll, Huntington, W. Va.
Clifford Ragan, Evanston, Wyoming
B. Fred Gentile, Cranston, R. I.
Heiskell Harvill, Tampa, Fla.

Commissaire Intendant Nationale....N. Carl Nielsen, Gig Harbor, Wash.

Correspondant Nationale .....Chas. W. Ardery, Indianapolis, Ind.

Advocat Nationale .....Leo J. Crowley, Denver, Colo.

Conducteur Nationale .....Walter G. Peterson, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Historien Nationale .....Paul J. McGahan, Washington, D. C.

Aumonier Nationale .....Rev. S. J. Ryder, Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Gardes de la Porte Nationaux.....Clifton L. Baker, E. Orange, N. J.
C. D. Bennett, Wesleco, Texas

Drapeau Nationale .....James R. Sullivan, Rockford, Ill.

Finance Committee .....N. Carl Neilsen, Chairman,
Gig Harbor, Wash.
Spencer S. Eccles, Ogden, Utah
R. C. Patrick, Mason City, Iowa

Executive Committee of Cheminots
Nationaux .....Alva Bronnenberg, Versailles, Ind.
Harold W. Kenney, Dayton, Ohio
Leonard Attlequist, Aurora, Ill.

Trophies and Awards Committee.....John T. Conny, Chicago, Ill.
E. Snapper Ingram, Los Angeles, Cal.
James O. Sheppard, Edgefield, S. C.

# OFFICIAL PROGRAM

## Eighteenth Promenade Nationale

## LA SOCIETE DES 40 HOMMES ET 8 CHEVAUX

NEW YORK CITY

September 19-22, 1937

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1937

Registration at Legion Booths and Manhattan Opera House, on 34th Street between 8th and 9th Avenue, adjoining Hotel New Yorker on 34th Street. Registration fee fifty cents (50c) includes Promenade Nationale Medal.

5:00 p. m.—Meeting of Cheminot Nationaux (Nationale Executive Committee)—Manhattan Opera House.

5:30 p. m.—Meeting of Committee on Credentials—Manhattan Opera House.

5:30 p. m.—Meeting of Committee on Permanent Organization—Manhattan Opera House.

5:30 p. m.—Meeting of Committee on Rules and Order—Manhattan Opera House.

9:00 p. m.—Promenade Nationale Opening Session—Ball Room, Manhattan Opera House. Music by Promenade Nationale Band, Voiture 408, Rockford, Illinois.

9:30 p. m.—Call to order by Chef de Chemin de Fer Harry E. Ransom.
Advancement of Colors.
Invocation by Aumonier National Rev. Fr. S. J. Ryder.
Reading of Convention call by Correspondent National.

Greetings:

Hon. Pelham St. George Bissell, General Chairman, Promenade Nationale Committee
Walter C. Kirschner, Cheminot Nationale
Voyageur Jeremiah F. Cross, Department Commander
Walter G. Peterson, Conducteur Nationale
Charles L. Anderson, Grand Chef de Gare

Address of Welcome:

Voyageur FIORELLO H. LA GUARDIA, *Mayor of the City of New York.*
Hon. HERBERT H. LEHMAN, *Governor of the State of New York.*

Greeting from the American Legion:

Voyageur HARRY W. COLMERY, *National Commander.*

Response by Chef de Chemin de Fer Harry E. Ransom.

11:00 p. m.—Memorial Service—Aumonier Nationale Rev. Fr. S. J. Ryder.

11:30 p. m.—Report of Committees:

1. Credentials
2. Permanent Organization
3. Rules and Order

11:45 p. m.—Reports of Officers:

1. Chef de Chemin de Fer
2. Commissaire Intendant Nationale
3. Correspondant Nationale
4. Historien Nationale
5. Advocat Nationale
6. Conducteur Nationale (Parade).

12:00 m. —Announcements, Committee appointments, etc.

12:15 a. m.—Retirement of Colors.
Recess.

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1937

9:00 a. m.—Meeting of all Committees other than Permanent Organization, Credentials and Rules and Order—Manhattan Opera House.

1:00 p. m.—Music by Promenade Nationale Band, Voiture 408, Rockford, Ill.

1:30 p. m.—Call to order by Chef de Chemin de Fer Harry E. Ransom.
Advancement of Colors.
Invocation by Aumonier Nationale, Rev. Fr. S. J. Ryder.
Music by Promenade Nationale Drum and Bugle Corps, Voiture 976, Newport News, Va.

1:50 p. m.—Reports on Committees:

1. Paraphernalia
2. Voiture Activities
3. Ritual
4. Finance
5. Child Welfare
6. Resolution

4:00 p. m.—Retirement of Colors.
Recess.

8:00 p. m.—Forty and Eight Parade. Route on Eighth Avenue, from 57th to 34th Street, west on 34th to west of Ninth Avenue disbanding point.

10:00 p. m.—Forty and Eight Dinner and Show—Manhattan Opera House. Tickets $3.00 per person.

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1937

9:00 a. m.—Form with own Department for the American Legion Parade.

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1937

9:00 a. m.—Meetings of all Committees with unfinished business, especially Resolutions, Constitution and Trophies and Awards Committee—Manhattan Opera House.

1:30 p. m.—Music by Promenade Nationale Band.

2:00 p. m.—Call to order by Chef de Chemin de Fer Harry E. Ransom.
Invocation by Aumonier Nationale Rev. Fr. S. J. Ryder.

2:05 p. m.—Reports of Committees on:

1. Resolutions (Supplementary)
2. Trophies and Awards
3. Constitution

3:30 p. m.—New Business.

3:45 p. m.—Election of Officers.
Retirement of Colors.
Benediction by Aumonier Nationale Rev. Fr. S. J. Ryder.
Adjournment.
Meeting of Cheminote Nationaux immediately upon adjournment of the Promenade Nationale.

# FORTY AND EIGHT PARADE

## Eighteenth Promenade Nationale

NEW YORK CITY

**September 20, 1937 5 P. M.**

Assembly—55th Street and Eighth Avenue

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*Escort of Police*

Honorable LEWIS J. VALENTINE, *Commissioner*

JOHN J. SEERY, *Chief Inspector*

★

*Honorary Grand Marshal*

PELHAM ST. GEORGE BISSELL, *Chef de Chemin de Fer 1928*

★

*Grand Marshal*

FRED M. FEUCKER, *Chef de Chemin de Fer 1936*

★

*Deputy Grand Marshal*

WALTER G. PETERSON, *Conducteur Nationale*

## FORTY AND EIGHT PARADE (Continued)

### FIRST DIVISION

Assembly—55th Street and Eighth Avenue

*Marshal*

HEISKELL HARVILL, *Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer*

Promenade Nationale Band, Voiture 408, Rockford, Illinois

HARRY E. RANSOM, *Chef de Chemin de Fer 1937*

*Chefs de Chemin de Fer Passe*

Joseph A. Breen
Edward J. Eivers
George Dobson
S. M. Doyle
Charles A. Mills
John P. Conmy
E. Snapper Ingram
Charles E. Perry
William D. Lyons
Samuel Heller
John D. Crowley

*National Officers*

C. W. ARDERY, *Correspondent*
N. CARL NEILSON, *Commissairre Intendant*
LEO J. CROWLEY, *Avocat*
PAUL J. McGAHAN, *Historian*
REV. S. J. RYDER, *Aumonier*
CLIFTON L. BAKER, *Garde de la Porte*
C. D. BENNETT, *Garde de la Porte*
JAMES R. SULLIVAN, *Drapeau*

Promenade Nationale Drum and Bugle Corps,
Voiture 976, Newport News, Virginia

## FORTY AND EIGHT PARADE (Continued)

### SECOND DIVISION

Assembly—55th Street, between 9th and 10th Avenues

*Marshal*

B. FRED GENTILE, *Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer*

1. North Carolina
2. Pennsylvania
3. Ohio

### THIRD DIVISION

Assembly, 54th Street, between 8th and 9th Avenues

*Marshal*

CLIFF RAGAN, *Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer*

4. Illinois
5. Indiana
6. California
7. Massachusetts

### FOURTH DIVISION

Assembly—54th Street, between 9th and 10th Avenues

*Marshal*

WILLIAM C. PETIT, *Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer*

8. Michigan
9. Wisconsin
10. Iowa
11. Washington
12. Minnesota
13. Missouri
14. West Virginia

## FIFTH DIVISION

Assembly—53rd Street, between 8th and 10th Avenues

*Marshal*

G. N. JACK CARROLL

15. Texas
16. Oregon
17. Florida
18. Mississippi
19. New Jersey
20. Connecticut
21. Maine
22. Louisiana
23. Tennessee
24. Nebraska
25. Kentucky
26. Oklahoma
27. North Dakota
28. Arizona
29. Virginia
30. Arkansas
31. South Dakota
32. New Hampshire
33. Maryland
34. Kansas
35. Colorado
36. Georgia
37. Nevada
38. District of Columbia
39. South Carolina
40. Idaho
41. Utah
42. Vermont
43. Montana
44. Delaware
45. Wyoming
46. Rhode Island
47. Alaska
48. Hawaii
49. Alabama
50. France
51. Panama
52. New Mexico
53. Mexico

## SIXTH DIVISION

Assembly—52nd Street, between 8th and 10th Avenues

*Marshal*

LYON W. BRANDON, *Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer*

54. New York

Rear Guard of Police

## FORTY AND EIGHT PARADE (Continued)

## GENERAL PARADE ORDERS No. 1

1. The parade will be held Monday evening, September 20, 1937. The parade will be formed in six (6) divisions, each division to be at its designated station ready to move out at 5 p. m.

2. Assembly will be from 52nd to 55th Streets, west of 8th Avenue, with the head of the column resting on 8th Avenue. The parade will move south on 8th Avenue to 34th Street; then west on 34th Street to 10th Avenue, where the parade will disband.

3. Uniform for the parade will be smocks and chapeaux, insofar as possible.

4. Massed Colors and Standards shall be at the head of the respective Departments, except when they are included as part of a musical organization.

5. Regulations for the formation of the parade are as follows:

(A) All department delegations will be headed by their Grande Officers and will march eight abreast with sixty inches between ranks.

(B) The following distances will be maintained:

(a) Twenty paces between divisions;

(b) Ten paces between Staff Officers;

(c) Ten paces between Grande Voitures;

(d) Six paces between Grande Voiture Officers and front rank of their Grande Voitures;

(e) Six paces in the front and rear of each feature;

(f) Guidon bearers will march three paces to the rear and one pace to the right of their leaders.

(C) All musical units for all divisions will form with their respective states, in the division to which assigned.

(D) Box cars and mobile features will form in 56th Street between 8th and 9th Avenues. They will form in rotation according to location of Department. All box cars will follow their respective states. No one other than train crews will be permitted to ride on box cars.

(E) Each Grande Chef de Gare will assign three contact Voyageurs who will act as liaison messengers between the Division Marshal and their Grande Voiture. Such Voyageurs will report to the Division Marshal at 4:30 p. m.

(F) The Marshal for each division will report to the Parade Chief of Staff the strength of the Grande Voiture and number of musical units, respectively, as soon as the formation of the division is completed—but in any event, not later than 4:30 p. m.

(G) First aid stations with ambulances with doctors and nurses for first aid work will be stationed along the line of march.

(H) No motor vehicles will be permitted in the parade without official authorization from the Chief of Staff.

(I) Message Center will be at the southwest corner of 52nd Street and 8th Avenue.

(J) The reviewing stand will be located in front of the Manhattan Opera House, between 8th and 9th Avenues on 34th Street.

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# ASSEMBLY STATIONS

| *Grand Voiture* | *Div.* | *Location* |
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| Alabama | 5th | 53rd Street between 8th and 10th Avenues |
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| Arizona | 5th | 53rd Street between 8th and 10th Avenues |
| Arkansas | 5th | 53rd Street between 8th and 10th Avenues |
| California | 3rd | 54th Street between 8th and 9th Avenues |
| Colorado | 5th | 53rd Street between 8th and 10th Avenues |
| Connecticut | 5th | 53rd Street between 8th and 10th Avenues |
| Delaware | 5th | 53rd Street between 8th and 10th Avenues |
| District of Columbia | 5th | 53rd Street between 8th and 10th Avenues |
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| Iowa | 4th | 54th Street between 9th and 10th Avenues |
| Kansas | 5th | 53rd Street between 8th and 10th Avenues |
| Kentucky | 5th | 53rd Street between 8th and 10th Avenues |
| Louisiana | 5th | 53rd Street between 8th and 10th Avenues |
| Maine | 5th | 53rd Street between 8th and 10th Avenues |
| Maryland | 5th | 53rd Street between 8th and 10th Avenues |
| Massachusetts | 3rd | 54th Street between 8th and 9th Avenues |
| Mexico | 5th | 53rd Street between 8th and 10th Avenues |
| Michigan | 4th | 54th Street between 9th and 10th Avenues |
| Minnesota | 4th | 54th Street between 9th and 10th Avenues |
| Mississippi | 5th | 53rd Street between 8th and 10th Avenues |

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| Montana | 5th | 53rd Street between 8th and 10th Avenues |
| Nebraska | 5th | 53rd Street between 8th and 10th Avenues |
| Nevada | 5th | 53rd Street between 8th and 10th Avenues |
| New Hampshire | 5th | 53rd Street between 8th and 10th Avenues |
| New Jersey | 5th | 53rd Street between 8th and 10th Avenues |
| New Mexico | 5th | 53rd Street between 8th and 10th Avenues |
| New York | 6th | 52nd Street between 8th and 10th Avenues |
| North Carolina | 2nd | 55th Street between 9th and 10th Avenues |
| North Dakota | 5th | 53rd Street between 8th and 10th Avenues |
| Ohio | 2nd | 55th Street between 9th and 10th Avenues |
| Oklahoma | 5th | 53rd Street between 8th and 10th Avenues |
| Oregon | 5th | 53rd Street between 8th and 10th Avenues |
| Panama | 5th | 53rd Street between 8th and 10th Avenues |
| Pennsylvania | 2nd | 55th Street between 9th and 10th Avenues |
| Rhode Island | 5th | 53rd Street between 8th and 10th Avenues |
| South Carolina | 5th | 53rd Street between 8th and 10th Avenues |
| South Dakota | 5th | 53rd Street between 8th and 10th Avenues |
| Tennessee | 5th | 53rd Street between 8th and 10th Avenues |
| Texas | 5th | 53rd Street between 8th and 10th Avenues |
| Utah | 5th | 53rd Street between 8th and 10th Avenues |
| Vermont | 5th | 53rd Street between 8th and 10th Avenues |
| Virginia | 5th | 53rd Street between 8th and 10th Avenues |
| Washington | 4th | 54th Street between 9th and 10th Avenues |
| West Virginia | 4th | 54th Street between 9th and 10th Avenues |
| Wisconsin | 4th | 54th Street between 9th and 10th Avenues |
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Center: Mrs. Mollie E. Averill, Le Chapeau Nationale. Left: Mrs. Helen O'Brien Daly, Chairman 8 and 40. Right: Mrs. Margaret Delles, Le Secretaire-Caissiere Nationale.

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# OFFICIAL PROGRAM

## Le Marche Nationale
## La Boutique des Huit Chapeaux et Quarante Femmes

NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1937

REGISTRATION—LOBBY OF HOTEL ASTOR

5:00 p. m.—NATIONALE POUVOIR MEETING—HOTEL ASTOR.

Call to Order by Le Chapeau Nationale Mollie E. Averill.

Pledge to Flag, led by La Concierge Nationale Alma Hunt.

Invocation by L'Aumonier Nationale Esther Marksbery.

Roll Call of States by La Secretaire Margaret Delles.

Ratification of Appointment of Marche Parliamentarian.

Introduction of National Officers, Marche Chairman and Committee.

Report of Finance Committee, Chairman Mary Ellen Macafee.

Consideration of Budget prepared by Finance Committee.

Reading of Proposed Amendments to Nationale Constitution and By-Laws, Chairman Vinetta Montgomery.

Reading of Resolutions.

New Business.

Adjournment.

7:00 p. m.—DIVISIONAL CAUCUSES TO ELECT LES DEMI-CHAPEAUX NATIONAUX, from Eastern, Southern, Central, Northwestern, and Western Divisions, respectively.

## EIGHT AND FORTY OFFICIAL PROGRAM (Continued)

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1937

REGISTRATION—LOBBY OF HOTEL ASTOR.

4:00 p. m.—LE MARCHE NATIONALE, OPENING SESSION, ROSE ROOM, HOTEL ASTOR.

Processional of National Officers and Distinguished Guests.

Call to Order by Le Chapeau Nationale Mollie E. Averill.

Colors Advanced.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, led by La Concierge Nationale Alma Hunt.

Invocation by L'Aumonier Nationale Esther Marksbery.

"Flander's Fields" by Le Demi-Chapeau Nationale Zella Scofield.

"America's Answer" by Le Demi-Chapeau Nationale Jessie Huish.

Song, "Long, Long Trail," led by Marche Music Chairman.

Roll Call by La Secretaire Nationale Margaret Delles.

Reading of Call to Le Marche Nationale.

Reading of Minutes of Pouvoir Meeting on September 19, 1937.

Introduction of Les Officers Nationaux, Les Chapeaux Nationaux Passes, Distinguished Guests, Honorary Pages, and Le Marche personnel.

Greetings from Chairman American Legion Auxiliary Convention Committee, Mrs. Wm. H. Corwith.

Greetings from General Chairman of Le Marche Nationale, Mrs. Helen O'Brien Daly, and introduction of her vice-chairman and committees.

Initiation Ceremonial and Membership Obligation to Chapeaux Etrangers by La Surintendante Nationale Helen McGlynn.

Reports of Committees on Permanent Organization, Rules, and Credentials.

Greetings:

The National Commander of The American Legion, Mr. Harry W. Colmery.

The National President of the American Legion Auxiliary, Mrs. Oscar W. Hahn.

Le Chef de Chemin de Fer La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux, Mr. Harry Ransome.

The Past Department President of New York, Mrs. Clyde Kernahan.

Le Chapeau Departemental of New York, Mrs. Kathryn Talcott.

Adoption of Printed Reports:

Report of Le Chapeau Nationale Mollie E. Averill.

Reports of Les Demi-Chapeaux Nationaux: Florence Sloan, Eastern Division; Wilda Fitzgibbon, Southern Division; Jessie Huish, Central Division; Zella Scofield, Northwestern Division, and Jessie Pung, Western Division.

Report of La Secretaire-Caissiere Nationale Margaret Delles.

Reports of L'Archiviste Nationale Corinne Craig; L'Aumonier Nationale Esther Marksbery; La Concierge Nationale Alma Hunt, and La Surintendante Nationale Helen McGlynn.

Finance Committee, Chairman Mary Ellen Macafee.

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Trophies and Awards, Chairman Emma C. Puschner.

Public Relations, Chairman Ellen Louise Warren.

National Hat Box, Editor Thelma Bailey.

Memorial Service: L'Aumonier Nationale Esther Marksbery.

New Business.

Nomination and Election of Officers:
Le Chapeau Nationale
L'Archiviste Nationale
L'Aumonier Nationale
La Concierge Nationale

Ratification of election of Les Demi-Chapeaux Nationaux, elected in Divisional Caucuses on September 19th, 1937.

Presentation of newly elected officers.

Announcements.

Colors retired.

Adjournment.

9:30 a. m.—ANNUAL BANQUET OF LA BOUTIQUE, Le Chapeau Nationale Mollie E. Averill, Presiding.

Introduction of Distinguished Guests and Nationale Officers.

Trophies and Awards distribution.

Installation of newly elected officers.

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1937

5:00 p. m.—NATIONALE POUVOIR MEETING—HOTEL ASTOR.

Call to Order by Le Chapeau Nationale Mollie E. Averill.
Unfinished business.

Presentation of newly elected officers, and new Chapeau Nationale presides.

New business.

Adjournment.

# DELEGATION HEADQUARTERS

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| Alabama | Governor Clinton |
| Florida | Governor Clinton |
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| South Dakota | Governor Clinton |
| New Mexico | Governor Clinton |
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59th St. & 5th Ave.
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# SCHEDULE OF CONTESTS

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1937

7:00 a. m.—Senior Drum and Bugle Corps—Preliminaries.
Polo Grounds—155th Street and 8th Avenue.

7:00 p. m.—Senior Drum and Bugle Corps—Finals.
Polo Grounds—155th Street and 8th Avenue.

10:00 a. m.—Senior Bands.
The Mall—Central Park.

1:30 p. m.—Rifle Drill Team.
69th Regiment Armory—25th Street and Lexington Avenue.

2:00 p. m.—Sons of Legionnaires Drum and Bugle Corps.
Lewisohn Stadium—138th Street and Broadway.

2:00 p. m.—Glee Clubs.
Wanamaker's Auditorium—8th Street and Astor Place.

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1937

Parade—Junior and Sponsored Corps to be judged during Parade.

Parade—Color Guards—Judged during Parade.

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1937

10:00 a. m.—Individual Drumming.
Band Stand—Central Park.

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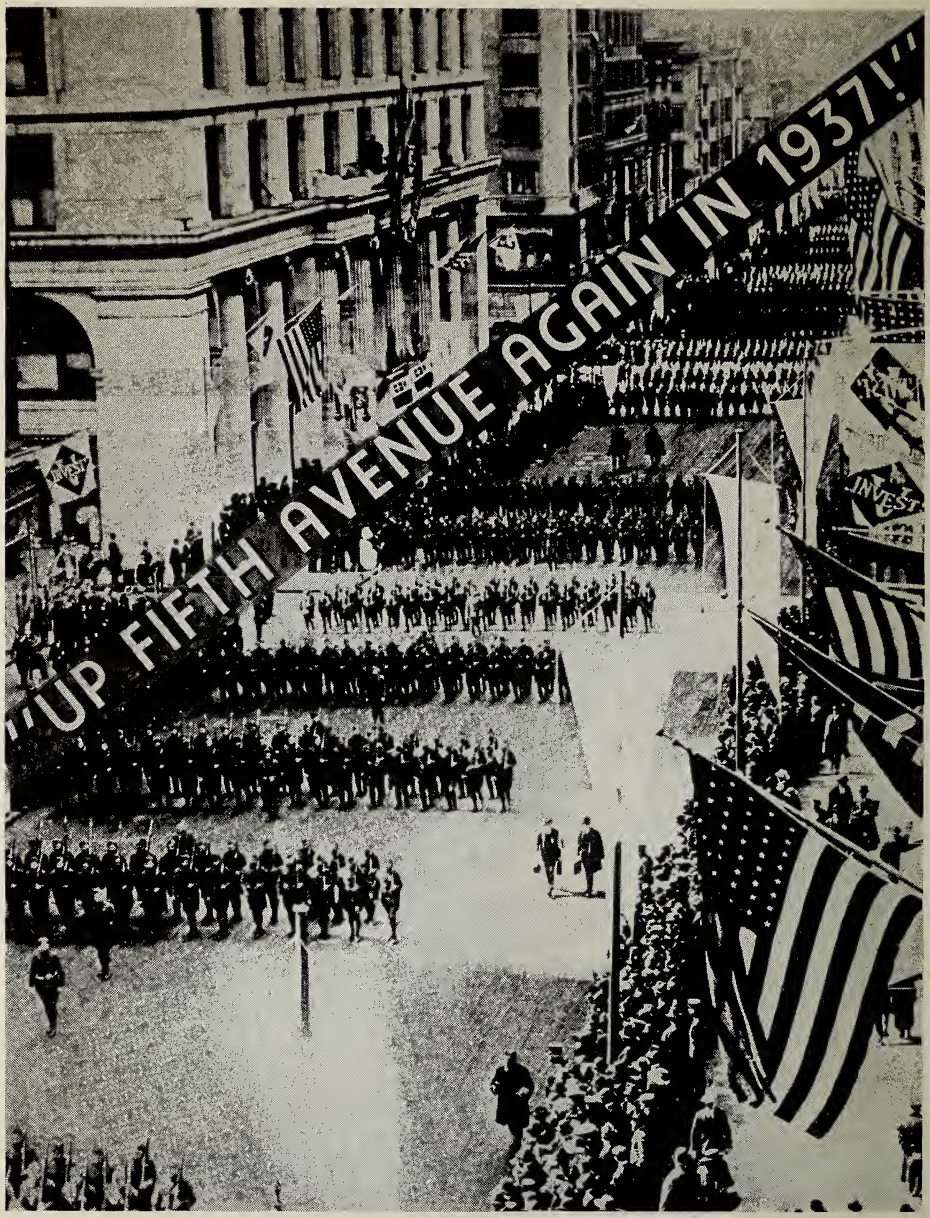


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